



Sombrilla

International Development Society

Annual Report 2017-2018



A Message from the President



Nancy Tran

Over the past year Sombrilla continued to support marginalized communities in Latin America through close collaboration with our partner organizations on the ground. We are proud of the accomplishments and initiatives that Sombrilla and its many supporters have made possible during the past year such as the newest initiative of providing physiotherapy and rehabilitation to elderly women in El Salvador, comple-

tion of a sustainable greenhouses project in Honduras, and continued support of communities in rural areas in the Andean highlands of Peru, among other projects. We hope to continue with our efforts to collaborate with support our partners, new and old, this new year.

2017/2018 Board of Directors

Nancy Tran, Chair
Peter Schalk, Treasurer
Patsy Ho, Secretary
Richard Heikkila, Member
Anand Mann, Member
Charles Pearson, Member
Delmy Garcia-Hoyt, Member
Katrin Hoffmann, Member
Kate Reynolds, Member
Sandra Gawad Gad, Member

Thank you to past board members and volunteers



Sarah Cashmore and Jeff Goldie

We would like to sincerely show our appreciation to Anand Mann, Richard Heikkela, Sandra Gawad Gad and Kate Reynolds, who have stepped down from the Board over the past few months. Their contributions to Sombrilla over the past years made a big difference to the organization and to Sombrilla's work with our

partners in the global South. In particular we would like to acknowledge Richard, who served in different roles on the board, including as treasurer and chair, for many years. A very special "Thank you" goes to Sarah Cashmore and Jeff Goldie who have recently moved to Bogota, Co-

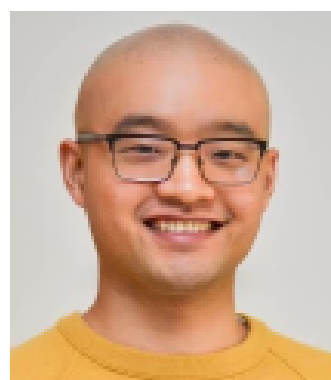
lombia. For more than a decade their commitment and hard work was invaluable to the organization in many different ways. We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for their long-term dedication to the organization. While they are they still involved with Sombrilla from Colombia, their local support is greatly missed.

Public Engagement Activities

Over the past year Sombrilla shared information on projects and volunteering opportunities with the interested public at the following events:

- Jul '17: Little Night Market
- Nov '17: Just One World Market
- Dec '17: Just in Time Market
- Feb '18: International Dinner
- Jun '18: 100 Mile House Concert

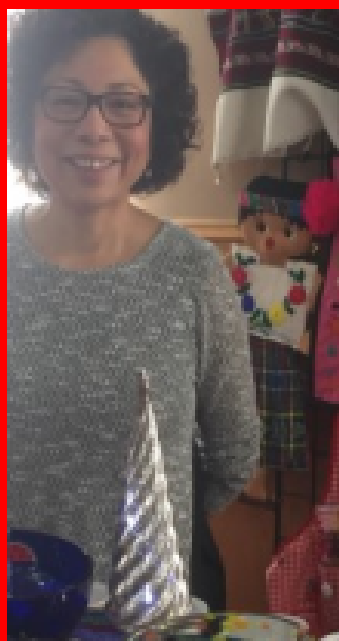
Sombrilla also continued to provide opportunities for University of Alberta students through participation in the 'Non-profit Board Intern Program' and by working with students on English-Spanish translations.



Vincent Huygh

Vincent Huygh—Board Intern

Vincent Huynh, University of Alberta Student in his final semester, participated in Sombrilla's board as part of the UofA's 'Non-Profit Board Internship' program. The program helps prospective students learn how a non-profit board operates by participating in the board, working with a mentor and through workshops held at the university. Vincent was happy to learn how a board operates and what it takes to run a non-profit of this scale and is looking forward to continuing to help Sombrilla in the future!



Delmy Garcia-Hoyt at craft market

Development Project Highlights

Food Security Project Yurac Yacu – Peru

For many years Sombrilla has supported community development in Yurac Yacu with the goal to improve food security and income generation. Based on the success of the 1st phase of the Food Security Project (completed in 2017), Sombrilla has expanded the project with funding from

private donations and the Government of Alberta. The 2nd phase will provide training, seeds, greenhouses, and ongoing technical support to one more municipality, helping additional families in the community improve their food supply.



Community member growing vegetables in the Andes, Peru



Meeting of Scholarship Students, Casa CEBES, El Salvador

Education Scholarships – El Salvador

Sombrilla continues to work with CEBES PERQUIN in El Salvador providing scholarships for young adults from rural communities to complete their post-secondary education. In addition to completing their education, students,

who receive scholarships, are required to work with young people in the rural communities. Each scholar will work with youth from the communities on general challenges of young people.

Climate Change Adaptation Project- Honduras

Sombrilla has completed the project on promoting sustainable agricultural practises. The goal was technology and knowledge transfer on new environmentally friendly techniques for small-scale farmers in Honduras. The

project included training workshops and materials to build small greenhouses with irrigation systems and establish family gardens. A total of 110 families benefited from the project.



Agricultural training on sustainable practices in Honduras

Urogynecology Project – Peru

The Urogynecology Project, a partnership between Sombrilla and the Urogynecology Clinic at the Lois Hole Hospital in Edmonton, continues to help women with untreated pelvic -related health problems due to pregnancy and child birth. In the past year the project expanded to Cajamarca as well as Huaraz, and trained multiple local health care professionals in the conservative management of the pelvic floor.

Physiotherapy Project – El Salvador

This new initiative provides physiotherapy for mostly older women, who suffer from work-related problems. They are mothers, artisans, tailors, and farmers. The physiotherapy will allow them to achieve greater independence for their daily activities. Project funds are used for a professional physiotherapist, basic physiotherapy equipment, educational material and transportation for those women who cannot reach the local physiotherapy clinic.

Tierra Colorada School – Guatemala

Since 2012 Sombrilla supported Tierra Colorada School, mainly by providing the salaries for 8 teachers for grade 7, 8, 9. On average 100 students were enrolled every year. Many of the students are indigenous children from rural communities. Over the past 2 years, the Government of Guatemala has funded two of the three grades in the secondary program. Sombrilla expects the secondary program to be entirely funded by the government within the next few years.

About Us

Sombrilla is an Alberta-

based, independent, non-governmental organization, founded in 1985 as a registered charity to facilitate projects supporting sustainable development, social justice, gender equity and human rights.

Our Mission

Sombrilla partners with communities in Latin America to empower them to assert their democratic, economic, cultural, and social rights.

Our Mandate

Sombrilla's mandate is to walk in solidarity with our partners in the global south towards effective social change for all.

Our Partners

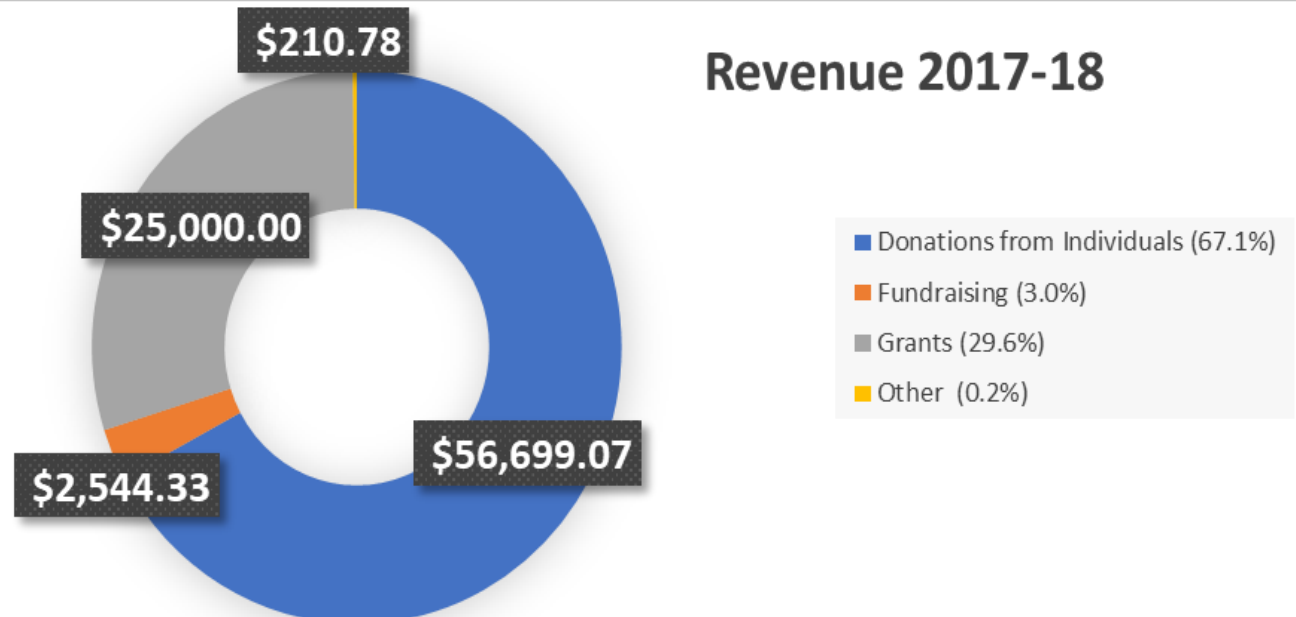
Sombrilla develops partnerships with Latin American community-based organizations that share our mission in order to assist them in reaching their goals.

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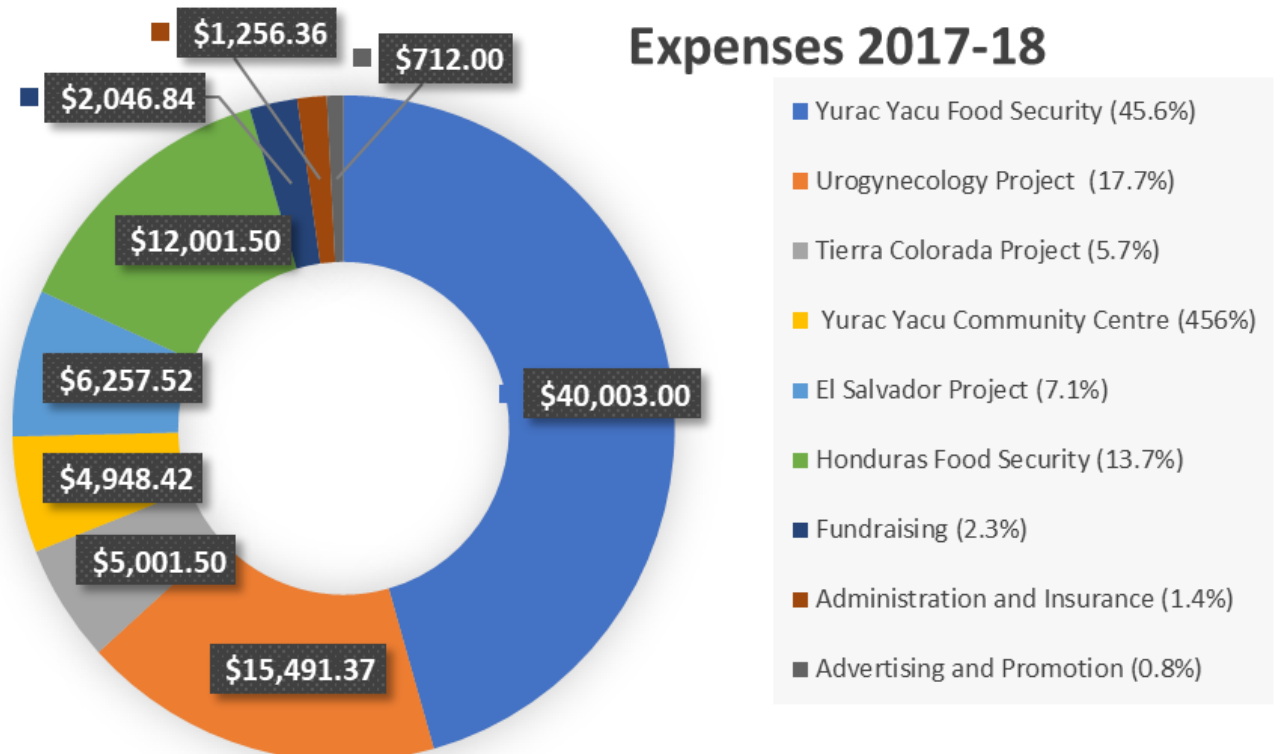
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Revenue 2017-18



Expenses 2017-18



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